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E.O. 11652: ADS DECON 12/31/73

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SUBJ: BDG FOODGRAIN, USSR DIVERSION

1. MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED BY LACOSTE, UNROB SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, OF DIVERSION OF 200,000 MT OF SOVIET-OWNED WHEAT TO BANGLADESH. SOURCE REPORTED TO BE U.S. PROCUREMENT PRESENTLY ABOARD SHIPS. DELIVERIES STATED TO COMMENCE 25 JULY.

2. REVISED, 17 JULY, UNROB VIEW OF FOODGRAIN POSITION IS AS FOLLOWS, ASSUMING 200,000 MT/MO. OFFTAKE:

JULY 1ST:

STOCKS ON HAND	290,000 TONS
SCHEDULED IMPORTS	84,000
TOTAL STOCKS AVAILABLE	374,000
OFFTAKE	200,000
TOTAL	174,000 TONS

AUGUST 1ST:

STOCKS ON HAND	174,000 TONS
SCHEDULED IMPORTS	110,000

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RUSSIAN DIVERSION 200,000

TOTAL STOCKS AVAILABLE	484,000
OFFTAKE	200,000
TOTAL	284,000 TONS

SEPTEMBER 1ST:

STOCKS ON HAND	284,000 TONS
SCHEDULED IMPORTS	251,000
TOTAL STOCKS AVAILABLE	535,000
OFFTAKE	200,000
TOTAL	335,000 TONS

OCTOBER 1ST:

STOCKS ON HAND	335,000
IMPORTS FOR OCTOBER (GUESSTIMATE)	100,000 TONS

3. TERMS OF AGREEMENT ARE SAID TO VERY FORCEFUL WITH DEMANDS FOR ABSOLUTE FIRST PRIORITY FOR DISCHARGING, NO DEMURRAGE, CHITTAGONG ONLY, ETC.

4. AT MEETING WITH SECRETARY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY PC 16 JULY, THEY CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF TRANSACTION ALTHOUGH DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF PC APPARENTLY WAS INFORMED ON SATURDAY 14 JULY.

5. IN MEETING WITH LACOSTE, CHARGE RAISED QUESTION OF SOURCE OF REPAYMENT IN KIND AND PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF ANY FUTURE U.S. CONCESSIONAL GRAIN TO USSR. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE ADEQUATE NON-U.S. SOURCES FOR SUCH A LARGE QUANTITY REPAYMENT.

6. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF USSR-BDG AGREEMENT AND GUIDANCE CONCERNING POSSIBLE BDG APPROACHES ON USE OF U.S. GRAIN FOR REPAYMENT.

7. ALL IN ALL THE TIMING AND AMOUNT OF THIS TRANSACTION SHOULD REMOVE THE FOODGRAIN SPECTRE AND TURN THE SPOTLIGHT QUICKLY BACK TO VEGOIL.
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